

**Decatur County Commissioners**  
**December 17th, 2012 8:00 A.M.**

**Present:** President Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

Claims were approved as submitted. Minutes were approved as submitted.

A Request for Usage of Facilities was made by private citizen Lela Cameron. Ms. Cameron asked for permission to put a nativity scene on the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn from December 20th through the 27th. The display will require electricity. After a brief discussion, Mr. John Richards moved to allow Ms. Cameron to put a display on the lawn. Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Mark Mohr**, Superintendent of the Decatur County Highway Department reported his crews are beginning to do winter weather preparation and that Premier Ag has loaned the department nurse tanks to use for brine preparation. Mr. Mohr also mentioned that the company doing the clearing work for Enterprise Pipeline is now entering the county. He reviewed roads and bridges that may be used by the company and had an engineer review for any additional concerns. The department is currently issuing overweight and over length permits. Mr. Richards had a concern on CR 1100 S which Mr. Mohr addressed. Mr. Nobbe commented that he had received favorable comments on the blacktopping efforts of the department. The highway did acquire right of way on property at an intersection on 700 West and is working on brush clearing.

**Tina Hoeing and Jenni Hanna, representing the Community Action Coalition** presented their recommendations for the 2013 grant awards to the community. The Coalition makes the recommendations and the Commissioners make the final decision. Officer Rob Duckworth explained what a Forensic Extraction Device is used for.

**David Neuman, Area Planning Director** presented Ordinance 2012-4 requesting a change in the the zoning classifications on the Mary Malone property, Ordinance 2012-6 for Johnny and Deanna Budd, and Ordinance 2012-7 for Jack and Paula Neukam. The Ordinances were approved.

**Jodi Comer, SIRPC** presented paperwork for the official acceptance of bids and contract awards for the first 10 projects for the Decatur County owner-occupied Rehabilitation Program. 4 contractors received the 10 bids. Mr. Buening moved to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Richards seconded the motion and Mr. Nobbe concurred. The motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe suggested a copy of the contract awards be given to Area Plan. Tami will do so.

**Rob Duckworth, Decatur County EMA** reported that the library has offered to sell their current bookmobile to the county for \$1000 if the county wants to repurpose the vehicle into a mobile EMA command center. Mr. Duckworth reported that the vehicle doesn't need any mechanical work, just outfitted with equipment to turn it into a command center. He stressed that the recent airplane crash highlighted just how useful such a vehicle would be during an emergency. With multiple agencies participating during an event, a mobile communication center would greatly enhance response to emergencies. There was also some discussion of ATV's. Mr. Duckworth suggested getting signed letters of support from other agencies and allowing other agencies to have access to what would be a county-owned resource. After a little more discussion, Mr. Nobbe suggested he would like to see the county go forward with the purchase of the bookmobile. Mr. John Richards made the motion to purchase the vehicle and Mr. Jerome Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tami presented a copy of a new contract with Ad Valorem Solutions on behalf of the County Assessor. The original contract that was executed with the county was done prior to the state re-stating how it wanted the contract worded. After some discussion and a review by the county attorney, Mr. Richards moved to sign the contract, Mr. Buening seconded the motion and Mr. Nobbe concurred. The motion carried.

**County Attorney Peg Polanski** produced copies of Purchase Contract forms and Anti-Nepotism forms for the commissioners to sign and keep on file in the Auditor's office.

**Doug Banks, Decatur County EMS Director** discussed the possibility of putting an ambulance at each end of the county to help cut down response times, especially during bad weather situations. He is working on details with the insurance companies but if all works out, would like to put an ambulance at Westport and at Clarksburg. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Banks and encouraged him to continue checking into the insurance issue because they think his idea has merit.

**Commissioner President Rick Nobbe** presented a contract for the county to enter in with Proliance to get a better price for buying natural gas. The gas service for four separate meters will be enrolled in the program. The courthouse, the jail, Parks and Rec and the work release center will be put on the program for the coming year. The contract will be mailed back to Proliance once Tami finishes the tax exemption paperwork.

Mr. Nobbe signed the March minutes for the County Board of Finance.

A document stating the terms of employment for County Attorney Peg Polanski was reviewed by the commission. Mr. Richards moved to accept the terms, Mr. Buening seconded the motion and Mr. Nobbe concurred. Mr. Nobbe thanked Ms. Polanski for the work she does for the county.

There was some brief discussion about the SIRPC board. Mr. Nobbe agreed to continue being the commissioner representative on the board. Mr. Buening moved to reappoint Mr. Nobbe and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board agreed to reappoint Karen Cyman to the Decatur County Visitor and Recreation Board (aka Innkeeper's Board). Brian Keith, Mike Walker and Don Schilling were all willing to be reappointed to the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Buening moved to reappoint these persons and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

All three Commissioners were due to be reappointed to the Solid Waste Management Board. Mr. Richards made the motion, Mr. Buening seconded. The motion carried.

Veteran's Service Officer Harold Sample is up for reappointment. He indicated his willingness to continue serving in that capacity. Mr. Buening made the motion, Mr. Richards seconded and the motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Ortman is due to be reappointed. Mr. Buening moved to reappoint Mr. Ortman. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.]

Mr. Richards moved to reappoint Mark Mohr as Highway Superintendent. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fair Board appointments will be addressed at the next meeting.

There was some discussion on the Board of Health appointments. With some concern

regarding conflict between a state-held position and local position, it was decided that a change in appointments would be made. The Board recommended that the expiring appointments of Darrell Richards, Dr. Mary McCullough and Pam Blasdel be filled by Mr. Richards, Dr. McCullough and either Ms. Blasdel or Mr. Ed Johannigman. Mr. John Richards moved that Mr. Richards, Dr. McCullough and Mr. Johannigman be appointed to the positions. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Commissioners requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Ms. Blasdel thanking her for her service.

Mr. Richards moved that Karen Cyman be reappointed to the Innkeepers Board. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Nobbe discussed his ideas for the ADA Compliance Coordinator but has not had time to approach everyone associated with the decision. That issue will be discussed at the first January meeting.

The Decatur County Clerk issued a notice of a meeting for the Decatur County Commission on Public Records. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., December 27th in the Circuit Courtroom.

Mr. Nobbe asked Mr. Harold Sample, Veterans Service Officer, how the new van seems to be working out. Mr. Sample reported the van is great. There are no new drivers certified to drive. Mr. Sample commented that the VA hospital reports that the Decatur County driver Mr. Albert Friend is one of the best that the hospital deals with. Mr. Sample reported this has been one of the busiest years he's had since becoming the service officer. He believes that Decatur County has got at least six service members in Afghanistan at this time. Mr. Richards voiced his concerns that the VA isn't equipped to handle all of the returning service people with physical and mental trauma. Mr. Sample emphatically agreed.

Mr. Rick Nobbe presented a plaque to Mr. Albert Friend in appreciation of his outstanding service to the veterans of Decatur County and the Veterans Service Organization. Mr. Nobbe thanked Mr. Friend for his service. Mr. Friend was very moved by the presentation and stated that he does this for the veterans because he himself is a veteran and realizes how important it is. Mr. Nobbe stated that the organization is still looking for volunteer drives if the media present would help get that word out.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 9:25 a.m. until reconvening on January 7th at 8:00 a.m.

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Rick Nobbe, President

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